

HEREFORDSHIRE SECTION NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the ninth edition of your section newsletter. This will be distributed electronically to those who have an email address and in printed form at Club events.

SOMETHING TO SAY?

Why not tell us about your bikes, your rides your opinions – This is **YOUR** newsletter! Let's hear what you think!

Report on the ride out – Sunday Nov 27th, from Tenbury to the Bell at Pensax

A mild day for late November and the promise of lunch at the Bell at Pensax augured well, but once again there was a small turnout. Steve Summer "chuffed" over from Leintwardine to the start, but the usually reliable New Imperial decided it fancied a couple of day's pampering on the shed and cried enough. Steve reports *"Chuffa" had picked up on the piston and the rings were broken. I think it was because the inlet manifold was loosened off and possibly taking in some air. Hence the plug colour and hot running. I have salvaged the piston and fitted new rings. The cylinder will be refitted at weekend and then it will be time to try and break it again.*" Tony Page's side valve Ariel suffered a similar problem on the October ride to Winchcombe, but it stopped short of a broken ring. A quick hone at Malvern re-bore and careful re-assembly by Brian Blandford sorted it out. These side valves do naturally run hot and piston to bore clearances and ring gaps need to be spot on if they are to live up to their *"utterly reliable"* reputation. Valves also need to be regularly lapped in to maintain efficiency.

MOTOR CYCLE SHOW LIVE - NEC

Probably the best bike show for many years. This motley crew of section members and friends went by train, thus avoiding the traffic and the shocking NEC parking charge of £12. We will try to organise this as a formal club outing for 2017



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Boxing day ride Monday Dec 26th – Meet at the Moon Mordiford, HR1 4LW - 11.00 a.m. Strictly for Brass Monkeys - 1 hr maximum then back to the Moon for a warm and mince pies - **Be a HERO!**

As we go to press, we have no leader for this ride a last minute change of plan sees Geoff McGladdery away in the frozen north for Christmas. *"It will be an interesting test of members' enthusiasm and initiative,"* says Geoff. The weather forecast is good, cool but sunny. A route map is available – it can be emailed and a few copies will be left behind the bar at the Moon. Do really we need a leader to go for a little ride round on our old bikes? Can't we just ring a few mates and get together at the Moon? Let's see what happens?

Thursday 19th Jan – Club night - The Moon Mordiford - HR1 4LW. 7:30 p.m. Another chance to wear your Christmas jumper!

Sunday Jan 29th - Winter Wanderings - Market Square, Bromyard HR7 4BP – 9:30 a.m. Season opener - In conjunction with Worcester Section.

Thursday Feb 16th – Club night - The Moon Mordiford - HR1 4LW. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Feb 26th - John Langford run - Market Square, Bromyard HR7 4BP – 9:30 a.m. – We are invited to be join the Worcestershire section on this long standing run.

An update on **"The search for the Green man"** planned for **Sunday 21st May**, Organiser Steve Sumner has sent this great photo of the Green Man we are searching for, This ride aimed at Flat tankers, girder forkers, mopeds and step-throughs, starts and finishes for lunch at the Lion Leintwardine - SY7 0JZ 10:00 for 10:30 start.



Historic Colwall machine restored

This fabulous tricycle is believed to be a **Motor manufacturing of Coventry** 2 ¼ HP machine circa 1899 in the style of of De Dion Bouton. Recently restored by Derek Magrath, it has spent all its life in Colwall and is owned by a descendant of the original owner.



Have you got any rare, weird or wonderful bikes? Let us have some pictures and we will be pleased to print them.

LOCAL SUPPLIERS

If you need vapour blasting or ultrasonic cleaning, you might like to try ATM vapour blasting of Hereford. Run by well-known motor-cycle enthusiast Andy Morgan, you can be assured of sympathetic treatment for your precious bike parts. Andy has bought excellent kit for his Rotherwas site and would be pleased to hear from you. On 07989 448418 or by email on

atmvapourblasting@outlook.com

If you have never had parts blast cleaned before, you need to be aware that small particles of blasting media cling to aluminium as if their lives depended on it! Mix this with oil, and you have an incredibly effective engine destroying compound!

The only sure way to clean mechanical parts after blasting is ultrasonic cleaning. If your parts are to be painted or powder coated, a blast with compressed air will be fine.

STRANGE GOINGS-ON AT HQ!

Hot on the heels of *General Manager* Giles Willison's resignation, we hear that *Book keeper and advertising co-ordinator* Jo Dunhill has also resigned. I know nothing of the background, but these two individuals have been invaluable in helping us through our first year and I would like to record our thanks and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours. Restructuring the club and returning it to financial health was always going to require tough measures and casualties were inevitable. It's still a shame to lose good people

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD!



Sadly, it seems the rumours of a MOTO GP ride for Presteigne's Chaz Davies were just that. He will, once again, be riding the Ducati Panigale in World Superbike in 2017.

Chaz is quite clear about his ambitions "*if I were able to win the SBK title in 2017, my next goal would be to move to MotoGP...I'm ambitious,*

every year I'm riding better, I always give 100% and this could be the right time to test a MotoGP bike.....it would be a waste of time to go to that championship on a bike that isn't factory. I don't want to race with a bike that can't fight at the front. To do well in MotoGP you need a factory bike. We'll see what happens but, for now I'm focusing on my target, which is the SBK"

LED LIGHTING FOR OLD BIKES Our LED headlamp bulb continues to run well, although most of its recent work has involved showing it off to friends in the garage or on the road outside my house! The VMCC Journal ran an article on LED lamps in the last issue, which seemed rather complicated and slightly intimidating. Our experience was much simpler - buy it on ebay - plug it in and ride. Our lamp definitely has a main and dip beam function. If any section members have experience with these, please let us know your thoughts.



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